

# Blind Administration

## What does this appropriation support?

Blind Administration provides for personal services, expense and equipment and communication costs for both field and central office staff to administer the Services for the Visually Impaired programs. Blind Administration is also responsible for the coordination and administration of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) policies and procedures.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) administers the following seven programs which are designed to provide blind individuals with the opportunity to obtain employment commensurate with their goals and abilities: Business Enterprise Program (BEP), Prevention of Blindness (POB), Independent Living Rehabilitation-Children (ILR-Child), Readers for the Blind, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), Independent Living Rehabilitation-Adult (ILR-Adult) and Independent Living Rehabilitation-Older Blind (ILR-OB). Please refer to Services for Visually Impaired narrative for more detailed information on each program.

## What is the statutory base?

State statutes: RSMo. 207.010, 207.020, 209.010, 209.020; The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (amended); Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998 (Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998). 34 CFR Part 361; Independent Living Program 34 CFR Part 364

## Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes, except for funding of Prevention of Blindness and reader services. See above for the listed federal statutes.

## Are there federal matching requirements?

Vocational Rehabilitation funding is 78.7% federal and 21.3% state (Blind Pension funds in RSB's case). Independent Living Rehabilitation funding is 90% federal and 10% state (Blind Pension funds in RSB's case). OBS funding is 90% federal and 10% state (Blind Pension funds in RSB's case).

## What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$250,543	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL	\$3,267,930	\$2,968,259	\$3,217,415	\$3,179,426
OTHER	\$619,610	\$1,046,761	\$967,916	\$1,020,389
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,138,083</b>	<b>\$4,015,020</b>	<b>\$4,185,331</b>	<b>\$4,199,815</b>

## What are the sources of other funds?

Blind Pension Fund

## How many people are served?

Independent Living Consumers Rehabilitated		
FFY	Actual Number of Consumers Rehabilitated	Actual Number of Independent Living Consumers Rehabilitated
2003	342	915
2004	237	952
2005	242	1,037

## How many staff are budgeted?

Budgeted Staff	
FY-2003	130
FY-2004	130
FY-2005	118
FY-2006	117